

Requirements – Why Do We Need Them?

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Topics

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Requirements Overview

- *31 percent of all software projects are canceled before they are completed (a waste of \$81 billion).*
- *53 percent of projects cost 189 percent of their original estimate.*

Why?????



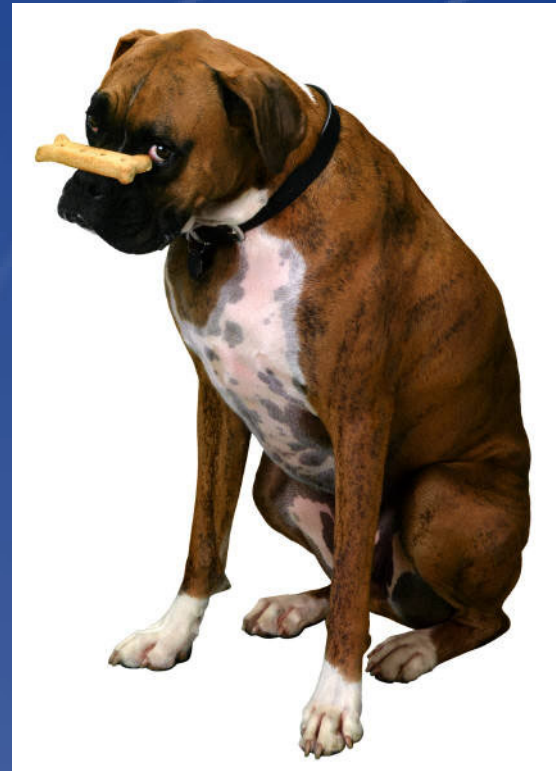
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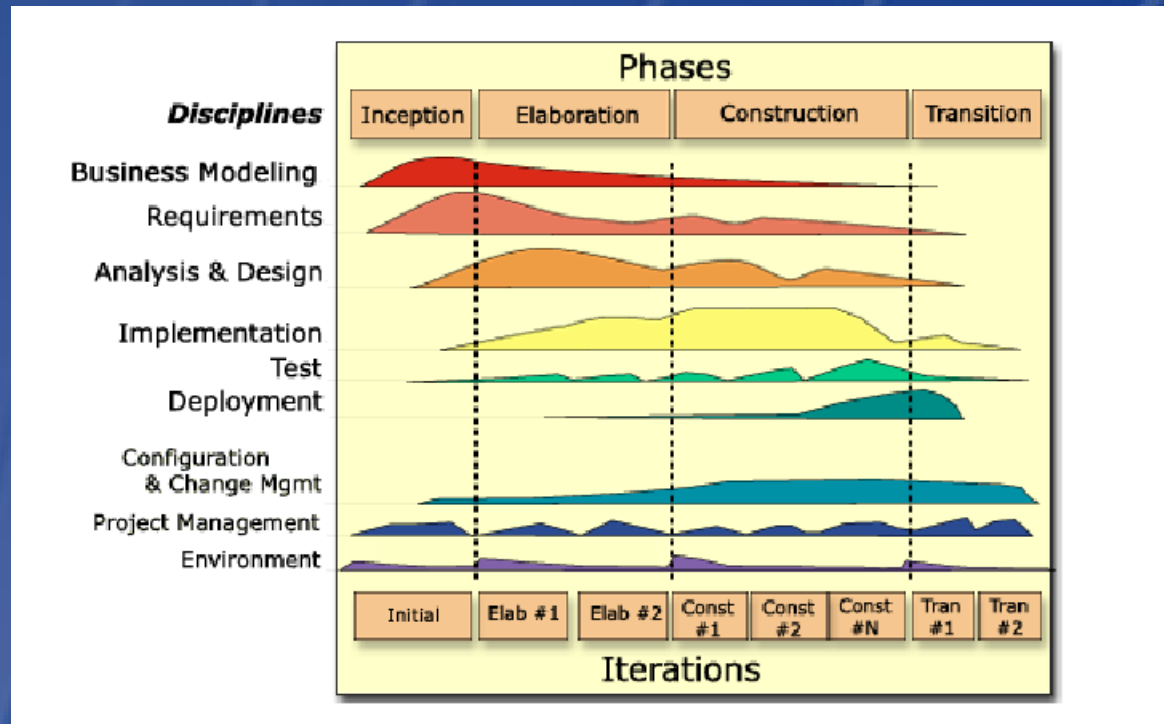
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3. Changing requirements and specifications.



How Do We Do It?

Rational Unified Process (RUP)

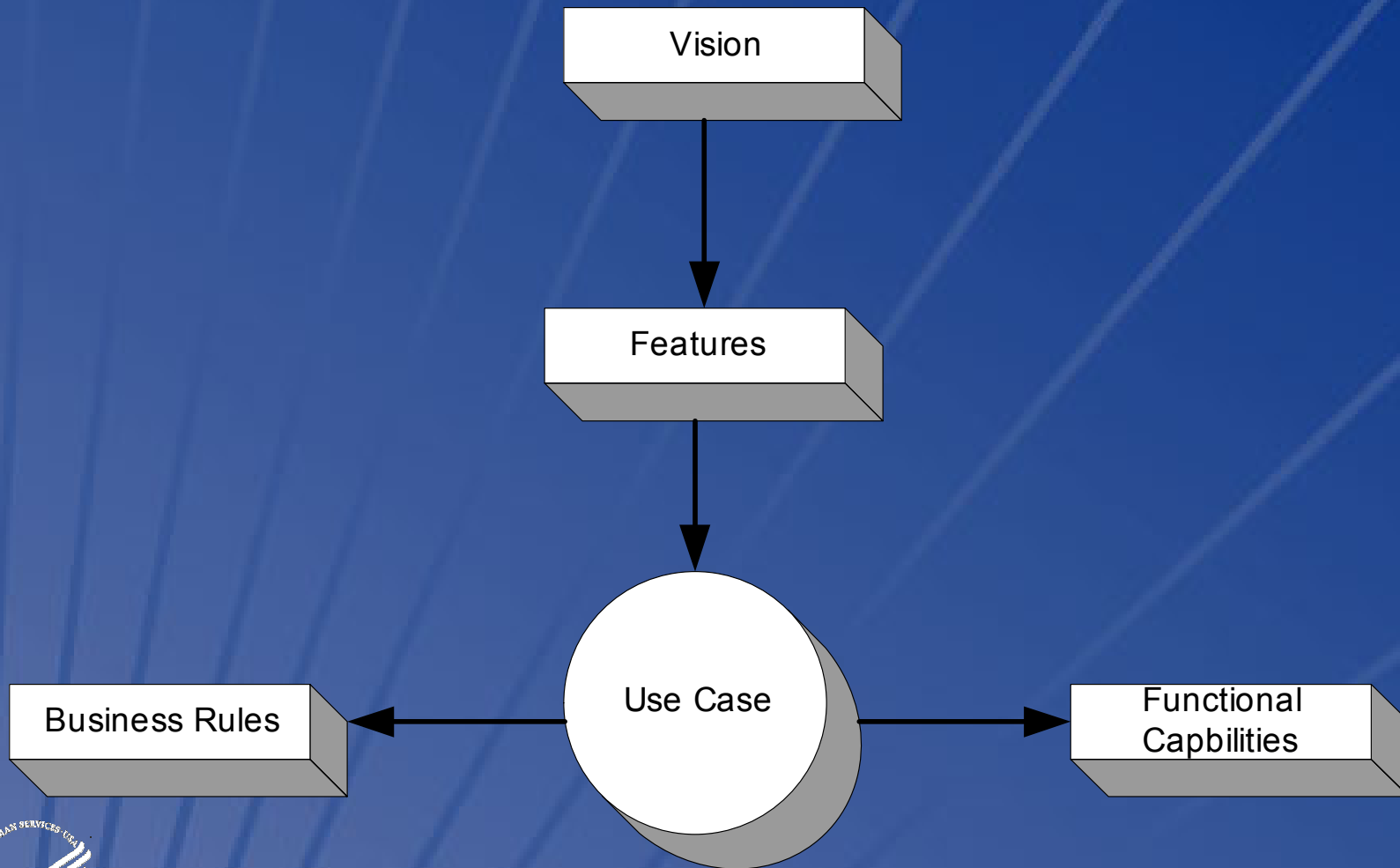


How Do We Do It?

- Develop a Project Vision
- Evaluate Current Business Process
- Look for Opportunities for Improvement
- Develop a Set of Key Features
- Develop a Set of Use Cases to Support Features
- Host Joint Application Sessions (JAD) with Business Representatives
- Baseline Requirements



How Do We Do It?



How Do We Know We Did It Right?

- Prototype
- Verification by the Business
- Manage Change
- Develop Iteratively
- Perform Internal Quality Assurance (QA) Testing
- Perform User Acceptance Testing



Summary

- Requirements Take Time
- Must Be Done Iteratively
- User Input is Critical
- Remember Cost of Quality:

\$\$Cheaper To Do It Right The First
Time\$\$



??Questions??



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